Talkers/Presenters in Hindi and their credentials:

1. G.S. Chauhan, Freelancer
2. Shivendra Chaturvedi, Freelancer
3. Gurdev Singh, Sports Commentator
4. Nadira Khan, Sports Reporter
5. Vivekanand Joshi, Reporter
6. Hisamuddin Farooqui, Producer, Indira Gandhi National Open University
7. Rakesh Khatri, Radio Commentator (Sports)
8. Madhav Chaturvadi, Journalist

No talkers/presenters have been banned during the period from 1.1.1993 to 31.12.1994.

Setting up airport at Nawaranggpur

2988. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up an airport at Nawaranggpur Jeypore or any other suitable place in undivided Koraput district of Orissa;

(b) if so, by when such proposal is expected to be implemented; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Settlement proposals from farmers on outstanding loans in Andhra Pradesh

2989. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that branches of nationalised banks are not accepting settlement proposals from farmers on outstanding loans in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued to nationalised banks to receive and scrutinise seriously appeals from farmers; and

(c) details of such guidelines or norms of functioning issued to branch managers of nationalised Banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that while they have not issued separate guidelines for receiving and scrutinising appeals from farmers they have advised banks to have a loan recovery policy which inter-alia sets down the manner of recovery of dues, norms for permitted sacrifice/ waivers, factors to be taken into account before considering waivers, decision levels, reporting to higher authorities and monitoring of write-off/waiver cases. All banks, including banks in Andhra Pradesh, are expected to take decisions in individual cases as per their loan recovery policy.

Declaring of entire sindhudurg district as a special tourism area in Maharashtra

2990. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal on the 4th January, 1996 for declaring of entire Sindhudurg District as a special tourism area; and

(b) the response of the central Government to the above proposal for the development of tourism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has proposed to declare the entire district of Sindhudurg as Special Tourism Area. The implications of the proposal have been discussed with the State Government.

Threat to employees of state Bank of Indore from Union Leaders

2991. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received letters from Members of Parliament regarding threats to the employees from Union Leaders of the State Bank of Indore posted at Janakpuri Branch, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into, if so, the findings and action taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that on 5th July, 1996 an incident of physical assault took place in the bank premises in the said branch of the State Bank of Indore, if so, whether any complaint in this regard has been received by the bank authorities; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir,

(d) State Bank of Indore has reported that it has got the matter investigated and it has been found that the complaints which, inter alia, related to transfer of employees and threats/physical assualt on the staff at the Branch were found to be without basis. However, there was an incident of loud altercation between two employees which was amicably resolved.

The bank has further reported that no written complaint was received and that it was not considered necessary to take further action in the matter.

Initiation of CBI inquiry against officers given extension in State Bank of Indore

2992. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 97 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether CBI inquiry was initiated against any of the Officers mentioned in Annexure I and II of the reply;

(b) if so, whether extensions were given to them before the report of the CBI inquiry was received;

(c) if so, the reasons for granting extensions before the findings of the CBI were known;

(d) the level at which investigations were made into the allegations against the persons mentioned in Annexure II of the reply; and

(e) whether the report of the investigating authority can be laid on the table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that Central Bureau of Investigation had initiated inquiry against two of the 18 Officers mentioned in Annexure I of the reply to the Starred Question No. *97 answered on 16.7.96;

(b) and (c) The Bank has further reported that these two officers were given short extension in service pending final action on the report of C.B.I. as per extant guidelines;

(d) The investigations against two of them were made at the level of Chief Vigilance Officer and in respect of one, the matter was looked into by the Chief Vigilance Officer and Managing Director of the Bank.

(e) These reports do not call for laying on the Table of the House.

मध्य प्रदेश में कम शक्ति के टी॰वी॰ ट्रान्समीटरों का लगाया जाना

2993. श्री अजीत जोगी:

श्री एस॰ एस॰ सुरजेवाला:

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 और 1996-97 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के किन-किन स्थानों पर कम शक्ति के टेलीविजन ट्रांसमीटर लगाने का प्रस्ताव है/था;

(ख) इनमें से अब तक कितने टेलीविजन ट्रांसमीटर लगाये जा चुके हैं;

(ग) क्या कुछ स्थानों पर टेलीविजन ट्रांसमीटरों ने काम शुरू नहीं किया है जबकि इनके अधिष्ठापन और परीक्षण का कार्य पहले ही पूरा किया जा चुका है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ये कब से कार्य करना प्रारम्भ कर देंगे?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी॰एम॰ इब्राहिम): (क) से (घ) यद्यपि 1995-96 के दौरान एवं 1996-97 में अब तक मध्यप्रदेश में अशोक नगर, मैहर, सिरोज, भांडेर, कुकड़ेश्वर, खुरई तथा राघागढ़ में स्थित अल्प शक्ति टी॰वी॰ ट्रांसमीटरों को पहले ही चालू किया जा चुका है तथापि गाडरवारा, केलारस, शक्ति और नारायणपुर में अल्प शक्ति ट्रांसमीटरों की स्थापना से संबंधित कार्य भी पूरा किया जा चुका है। तथापि इन ट्रांसमीटरों को चालू करना सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा इन परियोजनाओं के प्रचालन एवं अनुरक्षण के लिए स्टॉफ की स्वीकृति प्रदान करने पर निर्भर करेगा। इसके अतिरिक्त 1996-97 की शेष अवधि के दौरान बड़ा मलेहरा, गारोट, सारनगढ़, भानपुरा, सीतामऊ और पिपरिया में अल्प शक्ति ट्रांसमीटरों को पूरा किए जाने की आशा है बशर्ते संसाधन उपलब्ध हों।